GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
FINANCE
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TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE
JAGDAMBI PRASAD YADAV

Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) the expenditure incurred on travei allowance of Central Government employees during last three years,year-wise;

(b) the amount, spent on it during the current year in comparison to that in April-July last year after imposing ban on Leave Travel Concession, since April. 2001;

(c) the reasons for sudden increase in travel allowance;

(d) whether the Government propose to ban the travel allowance also for two years; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI BALASAHEB VIKHE PATIL) :

(a) to (c) The total expenditure on travel expenses for the last three years is as under:

(i) 1998-1999 (Actuals) - Rs. 1191 Crore

(ii) 1999-2000 (Actuals) - Rs. 1193 Crore

(iii) 2000-2001 (RE) Rs. 1152 Crore Expenditure on Travel Expenses, includes Travelling Allowance but not Leave Travel Concession and as such, no comparison can be made of such expenditure before and after imposing ban on Leave Travel Concession.

(d) and (e) Since Travelling Allowance is granted for official journeys carried out in public interest, there is no proposal to ban Travel Allowance.